

THE GAS TRUST.

How Gas Monopoly Was Not Abolished in St. Louis.

Two Years' Experience With "Cheap Gas."

Big Bills and Yellow, Flickering Light—An Effort to Pay Dividends on \$3,757,170 Worth of Property and \$3,242,828 Worth of "Water" Results Disastrous to the Public—A Pool Which Is Not a Pool—The Status of the Question in the Courts—Consumers Complain Bitterly of the Size of Their Bills and the Quality of the Gas Furnished—The Municipal Assembly Will Continue Its Investigation.

A little less than two years ago the people of St. Louis went into a spasm of modified rapture over the prospect of cheap gas for fuel and illuminating purposes. The Municipal Assembly had gone to the bottom of the gas question and was prepared to dictate the terms on which the St. Louis Gaslight Company would obtain an extension of its charter. The Water Gas Company was in the field with cheap gas, and competition was to reduce the price of illumination to a minimum. There was to be no more monopoly, no more exclusive privileges. Every one was to have a fair show and the public was to share in that prosperity which had enabled the owners of the stock of the St. Louis Gaslight Company to wear diamonds for so many years.

What has been the outcome of this reform movement? To all appearances what has been lost in the reduction of the price of gas per thousand has been recovered in the accelerated speed of the meters. The reduction in the quality of the gas has added an additional 5 per cent to the earnings of the companies. The monopoly which was to have been abolished in the accelerated speed of the meters. The reduction in the quality of the gas has added an additional 5 per cent to the earnings of the companies. The monopoly which was to have been abolished in the accelerated speed of the meters. The reduction in the quality of the gas has added an additional 5 per cent to the earnings of the companies.

For service and big gas bills form the basis of a general complaint by consumers. Every day, just as they did two or three years ago, they find the price of gas per thousand has been recovered in the accelerated speed of the meters. The reduction in the quality of the gas has added an additional 5 per cent to the earnings of the companies. The monopoly which was to have been abolished in the accelerated speed of the meters. The reduction in the quality of the gas has added an additional 5 per cent to the earnings of the companies.

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BIG BILLS AND BAD GAS.

Complaints Made by Consumers Regarding the Quality of Gas Furnished by the Water Gas Company. The quality of gas furnished by the companies doing business in the city has been so wretched for several months as to arouse the indignation of consumers, and along Fourth street, Broadway and Washington avenue the electric light in both incandescents and gas lamps has been reduced to a minimum.

Spania & Nacarro, fruit dealers, 35 South Second street, St. Louis, Mo., have been notified by the St. Louis Gaslight Company that they must pay for gas at a rate of \$1.18 a thousand feet, which is a rate of \$1.18 a thousand feet, which is a rate of \$1.18 a thousand feet, which is a rate of \$1.18 a thousand feet.

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THEY WILL CONTINUE.

The Assembly Committee Wants to Ask Some More Leading Questions. A meeting of the Gas Investigating Committee of the Municipal Assembly was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887.

Delegates Stone and Monahan are also quoted as speaking in terms of the committee. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887.

After holding an executive session, which lasted until nearly 1 o'clock this afternoon, the committee decided to continue its investigation into the gas question. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887. The committee was called for July 9, 1887.

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A CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

Messrs. Snider & Holmes Make Serious Charges Against Well-Known Citizens.

Messrs. Snider & Holmes have filed an attachment suit in the Circuit Court against the St. Louis Gaslight Company. The suit is for the recovery of \$3,757,170. The suit is for the recovery of \$3,757,170. The suit is for the recovery of \$3,757,170. The suit is for the recovery of \$3,757,170.

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If You Love Anybody. Get a Christmas present for cash or on time at Ingalls'. New watches just arrived; compare prices. Ingalls, 1007 Olive street.

DISTURBING THE COURT.

Judge Noonan Orders Judge Normie Brought Before Him—Laughable Scene. Nothing was done in the Criminal Court this morning, the Court merely going through the form of opening and adjourning. Judge Normie stepped over into the Court of Criminal Correction and went into the ante-room, where he engaged in a conversation with somebody. It was a whispered conversation, but the Judge has a peculiar penetrating whisper.

PRESSING CREDITORS.

An Army of Circus Employees at the Court House This Afternoon. The Court-house rotunda was crowded this afternoon at a late hour with the various employees of the Dorris & Colvin Circus, who are left here in a very sorry plight. A receiver was appointed and the firm directed to the Court of Criminal Correction.

Federal Court Notes.

The New Mexico & Arizona Railroad Company filed an intervening petition this afternoon in the Washoe case for the recovery of a bill of lading. The case was for the recovery of a bill of lading. The case was for the recovery of a bill of lading. The case was for the recovery of a bill of lading.

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Of Exceeding Beauty and Cheapness.



China Dolls, Nankin Dolls, Washable and Patent Dolls, Bisque Dolls with mat and kid bodies, Bisque Jointed Dolls, closing eyes; Wax Dolls, Indestructible Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Dressed and Undressed Dolls of every description and character—large and small, white and colored, quiet, musical and speaking; Kid Bodies, China and Bisque Heads, Rubber Animals, Harmless Guns, Albums and Eclipse Photographic Apparatus with full instructions for working.

JOSEPH SPECHT, President.

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THIRD. We are contented with moderate profits and have no wish to enrich the Press at your expense.

THE BRIDAL BULLETIN.

The following marriage licenses were granted during the twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m. to-day: Name. Residence. A. E. King, 1438 N. 13th St. Annie Ray, 422 S. 84 St. (Edward) Mueller, 800 S. 22d St. Annie M. Jones, 840 S. 24th St. (Horace) P. Evans, 840 S. 24th St. Annie Towl, 12th and Locust.

DEATHS.

The following deaths were recorded at the Health Department during the twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m. to-day: Henry, son of John G. and Anna M. Stump, December 5, 1910 Bridge street. (John) G. Stump, 1910 Bridge street. (John) G. Stump, 1910 Bridge street.

GOING TO THE CITY.

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SEND IN YOUR ORDERS EARLY AND GIVE SANTA CLAUS A CHANCE.

Manufacture and Salesroom, at Wholesale and Retail, 807 N. BROADWAY.

A Dynamite Sensation.

DETROIT, Mich., December 9.—The Journal's special correspondent from Detroit, Mich., says: Five pounds of dynamite were found yesterday in some Calumet Branch rock. The powder being different from any used in the mine, the police are making a search for the person who placed it there. The powder was found in a mine, the police are making a search for the person who placed it there.

Individuals of Prominence in New York.

From the New York World. Mr. Miller, the eminent and elegant practitioner of the art of bunko steering, has not yet cast aside the large black goggles which he wears as a part of his personal decoration when he is seen in public. The goggles are a part of his personal decoration when he is seen in public.

A Terrible Custom.

From the Duluth Journal. A Duluth pine-land explorer, who has recently returned from a trip through northern Michigan and Wisconsin, reports a curious custom among the Indians which has been recently resurrected. While at a place called "The Indian Reservation," he saw a man who was a part of the Indian Reservation.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were recorded during the twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m. to-day: Mary L. Gray et al. by trustee, to James D. Gray, 50 ft. on Grand street, Wash. estate; trustee's deed, to James D. Gray, 50 ft. on Grand street, Wash. estate; trustee's deed, to James D. Gray, 50 ft. on Grand street, Wash. estate.

Most Released on Bail.

NEW YORK, December 9.—Application was made to Judge Lawrence to-day in the Supreme Court for the admission to bail of John J. Hoffman, who was arrested on a charge of larceny. The application was made to Judge Lawrence to-day in the Supreme Court.

The Carney-McAuliffe Fight Off.

BOSTON, December 9.—The stakes in the Carney-McAuliffe fight were drawn down to-day and the fight is now entirely off.

CITY PERSONS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Dillon have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter to Mr. J. F. Peters at 816 Clinton street at 10 o'clock on Monday next. The wedding will be at 816 Clinton street at 10 o'clock on Monday next.

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